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EDUCATION OF THE BLIND

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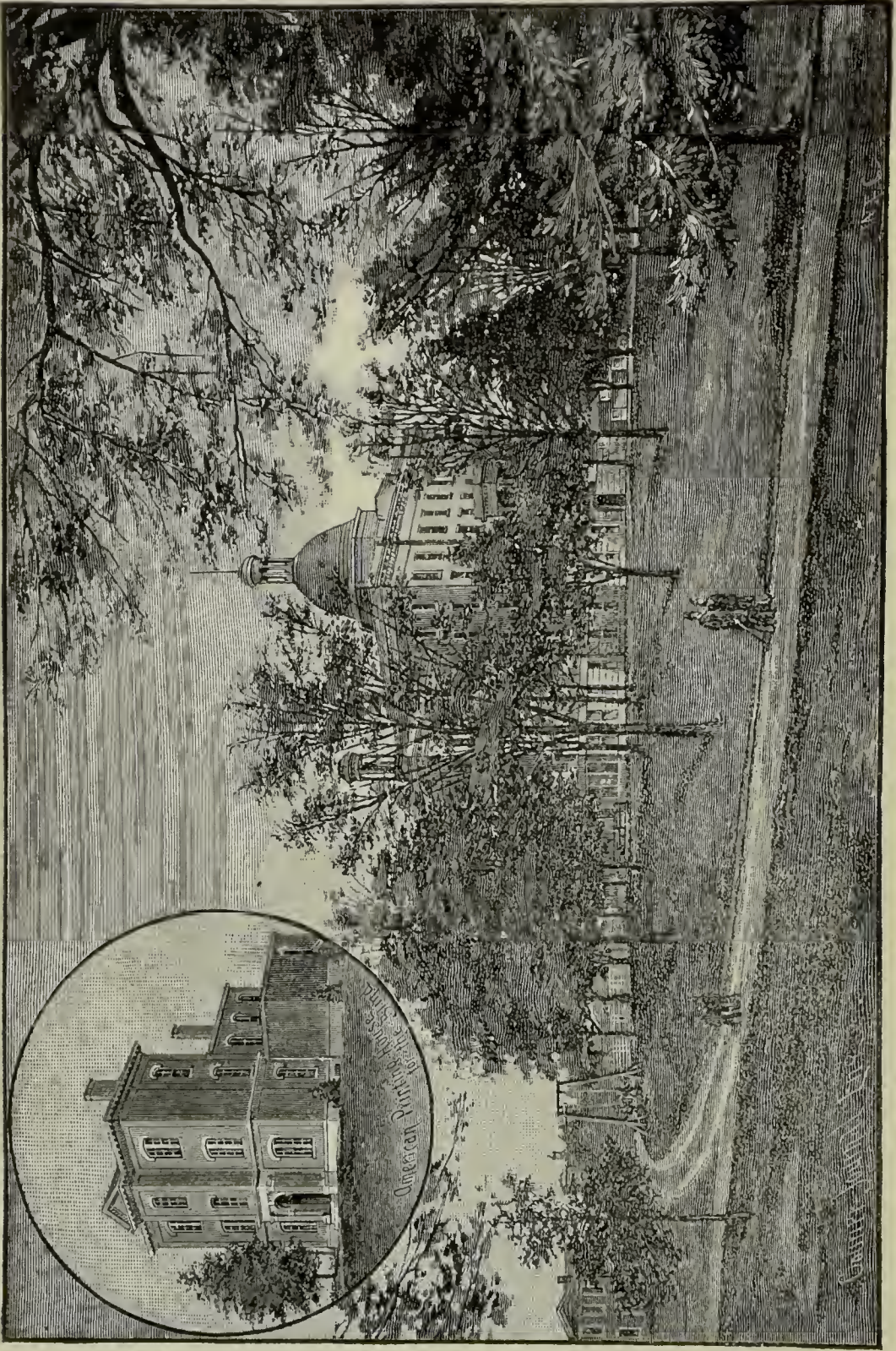
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TO HIS EXCELLENCY, JOHN YOUNG BROWN,  
*Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

The number of pupils under our charge in the White Department during the past year was ninety-four, and in the Colored Department twenty-five, making in all (119) one hundred and nineteen.

The names of those in the White Department and their residences are as follows:

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Charles Andie . . . . .	Louisville.
Joseph Bertolf, Jr.. . . . .	Louisville.
Omer Boggs . . . . .	Lewis county.
Annabel Briggance . . . . .	Hickman.
Nancy Brooks . . . . .	Rocky Hill.
Anna Bryant . . . . .	Woodbine.
Jefferson Burch, Jr. . . . .	Mt. Washington.
Elba Burge . . . . .	Beech Grove.
Matty Carr . . . . .	Swallowfield.
Amy Chenoweth . . . . .	Livingston county.
Fanny Clore . . . . .	Grant county.
Sam Cornet . . . . .	Laurel county.
Sophia Cromwell . . . . .	Henderson.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Hatty Davis . . . . .	Louisville.
Ralph Davis . . . . .	Louisville.
Lucy Deane . . . . .	Frankfort.
Winston Ewing . . . . .	Smith's Grove.
Irene Febinger . . . . .	Louisville.
Mary Ferguson . . . . .	Mt. Vernon.
Katy Fitzner . . . . .	Louisville.
Louis Flynn . . . . .	Irvine.
Wm. Fry . . . . .	Louisville.
Anna Garvey . . . . .	Owen county.
Hatty Gish . . . . .	Mt. Sterling.
Maria Harris . . . . .	Pulaski county.
Carry Hartmetz . . . . .	Louisville.
Julia Hewitt . . . . .	Louisville.
Chas. Higdon . . . . .	Grayson county.
James Hopkins . . . . .	Wingo.
Perley Huffman . . . . .	Louisville.
Whitney Hunt . . . . .	Louisville.
Jesse Iles . . . . .	Campbell county.
Netty Johnson . . . . .	Covington.
Wilmore Kendall . . . . .	Morgan county.
Katy Kerins . . . . .	Louisville.
Maggie Kistner . . . . .	Louisville.
James Kuhn . . . . .	Louisville.
Alonzo Laey . . . . .	Eminence.
John Langley . . . . .	Hardin county.
Lula Lewis . . . . .	Louisville.
Albert Lunsford . . . . .	McKee.
Clifford Martin . . . . .	Covington.
Lena McClure . . . . .	Mt. Vernon.
James Metealfe . . . . .	Louisville.
Louis Metz . . . . .	Dover.
Joseph Metzmeier . . . . .	Louisville.
Emma Milligan . . . . .	Tolu.
Mary Milligan . . . . .	Tolu.
Bessie Mitchell . . . . .	Covington.
Ephraim Moore . . . . .	Pendleton county.
Flora Moore . . . . .	Williamsburg.
Florry Moore . . . . .	Williamsburg.
Dora Morgan . . . . .	Webster county.
Edward Neale . . . . .	Newport.
Wm. Nelson . . . . .	Hopkinsville.
Albert Nesbit . . . . .	Louisville.
Samuel Nolan . . . . .	Scott county.
Rosa Pettit . . . . .	Graves county.
Hatty Phillipps . . . . .	Henderson county.



NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Eugene Pile . . . . .	Clinton.
Sarah Puckett . . . . .	Sugar Grove.
John Pureell . . . . .	Grayson county.
Gertrude Rankin . . . . .	Crittenden county.
Alice Ransdale . . . . .	Louisville.
Ida Rayner . . . . .	Brooklyn.
Louisa Redman . . . . .	Fariston.
Naney Redman . . . . .	Fariston.
Susan Redman . . . . .	Fariston.
William Redman . . . . .	Fariston.
Wm. Recves . . . . .	Carter county.
Wray Riddle . . . . .	Louisville.
William Rose . . . . .	Butler county.
Elizabeth Simpson . . . . .	Skidmore.
William Simpson . . . . .	Skidmore.
Charles Silliman . . . . .	Louisville.
Herman Spiesberger . . . . .	Louisville.
Louisa Stalker . . . . .	Louisville.
Carry E. Stiles . . . . .	Nelson county.
George P. Stolz . . . . .	Jefferson county.
Henrietta Stone . . . . .	Hurricane.
George Strothers . . . . .	Catlettsburg.
Albert Sweazy . . . . .	Rochester.
Ira Tharp . . . . .	Horse Cave.
Carl Thompson . . . . .	Melbur.
Ethel Tresenriter . . . . .	Greenville
Allen Toby Vaughn . . . . .	Rush.
William Vosmer . . . . .	Covington.
Hatty Wagoner . . . . .	Dunmore.
Ida Weaver . . . . .	Lewis county.
Roy Webb . . . . .	Mayfield.
Katy Weleh . . . . .	Louisville.
Marion Wheeler . . . . .	Scott county.
Mary Wiekstead . . . . .	Louisville.
Walter Wintersmith . . . . .	Louisville.

The names and residences of those in the Colored Department, are as follows:

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
John Banks . . . . .	Louisville.
Piercc Boyd . . . . .	Hopkinsville.
Effie Carter . . . . .	Owensboro.
Jessie Carter . . . . .	Owensboro.
Bertha Cheatham . . . . .	Frankfort.
Aaron Cowherd . . . . .	Campbellsville.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Edward Dickenson . . . . .	Trenton.
Simon Garner. . . . .	Lexington.
Jesse Gillespie. . . . .	Central City.
Theodore Golden . . . . .	Lexington.
Ernest Hardin . . . . .	Louisville.
Chasteen Harris . . . . .	Franklin.
Wm. Hawkins . . . . .	Oldham county.
Melissa Jones . . . . .	Kuttawa.
Amanda Lee . . . . .	Frankfort.
Robert Palmer . . . . .	Louisville.
Abe Redd . . . . .	Henderson.
Mattie Riddle . . . . .	North Middletown
Jacob Robinson . . . . .	Dixon.
Bessy Russell . . . . .	Winchester.
Louis Russell . . . . .	Louisville.
Mina Smith. . . . .	Kuttawa.
Louis Scott . . . . .	Louisville.
Ida Taylor . . . . .	Louisville.
Cleanna White . . . . .	Greensburg.
John White . . . . .	Owensboro.

The following named persons have been regularly employed :

A Superintendent, B. B. Huntoon, with a salary of \$125 a month.

A matron, Mrs. Sarah J. Huntoon, with a salary of \$41.66 $\frac{2}{3}$  a month.

A teacher, Miss Josephine Sloan, with a salary of \$50 a month.

A teacher, Miss Louise Sloan, with a salary of \$40 a month.

A teacher, Miss Julia Purnell, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A teacher of sewing, Mrs. Agnes Tumbrink, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A teacher of handicraft, Louis Metz, with a salary of \$25 a month.

A teacher of music, Charles Frederick, with a salary of \$100 a month.

A teacher of piano tuning, Clifford Martin, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A kindergarten teacher, Miss Eleanor Beebe, with a salary of \$50 a month.

Visitors' attendant, Nancy Brooks, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A gardener and engineer, Thomas Lucas, with a salary of \$60 a month.

A fireman and assistant gardener, Michael Leash, with a salary of \$40 a month.

A man for in-door work, John Owens, with a salary of \$35 a month.

A cook, Hannah Murphy, with a salary of \$25 a month.

An assistant cook, Mrs. Bridget McMahan, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A laundress, Bridget Curry, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A laundress, Mary Curry, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Mary Gilligan, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Annie Kelley, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Kate Moran, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A dining-room girl, Nelly O'Hern, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A dining-room girl, Minnie O'Hern, with a salary of \$15 a month.

In the Colored Department :

A matron, Mrs. Margaret Wood, with a salary of \$20 a month.

A teacher, Miss Fanny Wood, with a salary of \$20.83 a month.

A teacher, Miss Cornelia Minnis, with a salary of \$20 83 a month.

A house-girl, Ella Williams, with wages of \$12 a month.

A laundress, Sarah Knox, with wages of \$6 a month.

An assistant pupil, Abe Redd, with wages of \$7.50 a month.

The publishers of the daily Louisville "Courier-Journal," the "Musical Record," the "Christian Standard," the "Kentucky Deaf Mute," "The Index," and the "Goodson Gazette," have furnished copies of their periodicals regularly and gratuitously to the school, and the pupils have listened to their contents with pleasure and profit.

The receipts and expenditures for the Institution have been as follows :

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand November 1, 1891 . . . . .	\$3,409 93
For quarter ending October 31, 1891 . . . . .	4,040 00
For quarter ending December 31, 1891 . . . . .	4,250 00
For annual allowance for White Department . . . . .	10,000 00
For quarter ending March 31, 1892 . . . . .	4,215 00
For quarter ending June 30, 1892 . . . . .	4,180 00
Miscellaneous receipts . . . . .	187 80
Total receipts from State . . . . .	<u>\$30,282 73</u>
Transfer check from Colored Department for proportionate share of general expenses . . . . .	1,200 00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$31,482 73</u>
Total expenses, including transfer clerk from Colored Department for proportionate share of general expenses . . . . .	27,593 99
Balance on hand November 1, 1892 . . . . .	<u><u>\$3,888 74</u></u>

This shows a cost per capita of nearly \$232 for the year. A late report of the United States Census, dated Washington, June 19, 1891, gave \$280 as the average annual per capita of all the Institutions for the blind in the United States. So far as this is any evidence, it shows that the Board has exercised care and economy in its expenditures.

It is the custom of the Board, at its monthly meetings, to examine the accounts for the month singly, and no account is paid unless so examined and approved. The expenses have always been kept within the income of the Institution, and the closest economy consistent with the purposes of the Institution has always been practiced.

Although no increase has been made in the general appropriation—save for the maintenance of the Colored Department—since 1870,



since which time the number of pupils has doubled, and the property to be cared for has increased from ten to twenty-five acres, yet both building and grounds are now in a better condition than ever before.

The Board has, during the past four years, replaced with new floors the old and worn out floors, a story at a time, throughout the building, and made many other improvements necessary to the comfort and welfare of the pupils.

The Board would consider its duty most wretchedly performed if its only aim was to show the smallest possible expenditure of money. It has, indeed, regarded the money placed in its hands by the State as a sacred trust, whose expenditure was to be most carefully considered ; but it has also considered that the education of the blind children of the State has been the main purpose of its being. It has not hesitated, therefore, to secure for these blind wards of the Commonwealth, placed in their charge, the best teachers, the most trustworthy servants, the most approved appliances for their instruction that could be obtained.

It has been the intention of the Board to place and keep the Kentucky Institution for the Blind among the foremost of similar institutions of the kind in our country.

So long as it is possible to do this, with the present means at its disposal, it will be content ; but whenever the time shall come when the income of the Institution will not do this, the Board will not hesitate to appeal to the Legislature for increased appropriations, with a confidence that every man of enlightened judgment will not hesitate to approve such an appeal for this most helpless of the defective classes of the State, who yet respond the quickest to all efforts made to alleviate their condition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

BOARD OF VISITORS,

By JAMES S. PIRTLE, *President*.



### TERMS OF ADMISSION.

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In respect to the forms to go through to secure the admission of a child to the Kentucky Institute for the Blind, it is only required that the child be of so defective vision as to be unable to get an education in the ordinary schools; that it be of good health and sound mind, and within the ages of six and eighteen; for it must be remembered that the Institution is neither a hospital nor an asylum. If the child is destitute, the fact should be so certified by the County Judge, and, in that case, clothing will be provided.

The school session begins on the second Wednesday of September and closes on the second Wednesday of June. Pupils will be admitted at any time, but they are much benefited by beginning promptly at the first of the session.

If fuller information is desired, it may be had from the Superintendent, or from any of the Trustees, who will cheerfully correspond with any person wishing to place a blind child in the Institution.

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### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUILDINGS AND SUPPLIES.

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*To the Board of Visitors of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind:*

GENTLEMEN: Your Committee would respectfully report that during the past year they have supervised, as usual, the purchase of supplies for the Institution in all its departments, and have regularly transmitted a monthly statement of their accounts to the Governor of the Commonwealth. A summary of these statements is herewith appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT COCHRAN, *Chairman*,  
JOHN A. CARTER,  
WM. A. ROBINSON.

KENTUCKY INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Expenditures for the Year Ending October 31, 1892.

	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.
Pay-Roll { Salaries . . . . .	\$481 65	\$481 65	\$481 65	\$491 65	\$491 65	\$491 65	\$491 65
Wages . . . . .	312 50	297 50	312 50	275 00	290 00	275 00	275 00
Dry goods and clothing . . . . .	559 02	61 64	9 40	36 00	58 85	47 30	99 70
Groceries . . . . .	311 59	351 01	345 24	350 07	329 12	341 10	365 36
Breadstuffs . . . . .	78 75	78 75			76 50		76 50
Meats, fowls, fish and game . . . . .	192 97	173 96	218 00	139 49	140 96	140 52	135 84
Fruits, vegetables, milk and ice . . . . .	108 35	102 70	107 80	109 10	110 55	123 10	125 25
Spirituos liquors . . . . .				5 00			5 00
Drugs, medicines and professional services . . . . .		17 35	62 06		26 32	27 15	
Confectioneries . . . . .			10 28				
Fuel and lights . . . . .	38 35	49 14	62 14	55 38	59 54	46 80	36 92
Amusements . . . . .	22 00	13 00	10 00	5 40		10 00	7 00
Buildings and repairs . . . . .	145 03	126 70	90 71	5 05	64 40	8 86	14 00
Household and kitchen furniture . . . . .	13 10	32 28	79 25	280 43		22 30	45 17
Laundry . . . . .					70 50		
Vehicles, tools and implements for the farm and garden . . . . .							
Expenses on live stock . . . . .	16 25				1 25	5 75	
Labor not included in pay-roll . . . . .	4 00	4 00	29 50	5 00	40 00	5 00	12 50
Books and stationery . . . . .	20 98		13 54	50 00	31 34	7 99	6 60
Product of the farm and garden . . . . .							
Postage and traveling expenses . . . . .	19 62	41 00	21 70	44 40	19 67	10 75	10 25
Materials for work-shop . . . . .	46 43	89 18				66 92	
Tuning and repairing musical instruments . . . . .							9 40
Water rent . . . . .				15 53	18 92	16 98	20 05
Insurance . . . . .							
Total . . . . .	\$2,370 59	\$1,919 86	\$1,853 77	\$1,867 50	\$1,829 57	\$1,647 17	\$1,736 19

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*Expenditures for the Year Ending October 31, 1892—Continued.*

	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.
Pay-Roll { Salaries . . . . .	\$786 65	\$196 65	\$196 65	\$196 65	\$521 65	\$5,309 80
Wages . . . . .	312 50	310 00	310 00	317 50	310 00	3,597 50
Dry goods and clothing . . . . .	105 27	5 75		10 50	51 50	1,044 93
Groceries . . . . .	273 47	183 36	88 19	138 19	193 57	3,270 27
Breadstuffs . . . . .					67 50	378 00
Meats, fowls, fish and game . . . . .	143 84	73 04	45 28	44 08	78 96	1,526 94
Fruits, vegetables, milk and ice . . . . .	116 00	67 55	32 95	33 00	84 65	1,121 00
Spirituous liquors . . . . .						
Drugs, medicines and professional services . . . . .						10 00
Confectioneries . . . . .	8 85	195 00	3 00			339 73
Fuel and lights . . . . .			28 10			38 38
Amusements . . . . .	780 97	15 08	8 97	7 54	19 11	1,179 94
Buildings and repairs . . . . .						67 40
Household and kitchen furniture . . . . .	81 91	374 39	898 17	285 37	317 30	2,411 89
Laundry . . . . .	85 32		50 81	44 60	106 14	759 40
Vehicles, tools and implements for the farm and garden . . . . .				24 45		94 95
Expenses on live stock . . . . .						
Labor not included in pay-roll . . . . .				3 00	4 50	30 75
Books and stationery . . . . .	64 10	32 00	48 50	3 75	8 50	256 85
Product of the farm and garden . . . . .	8 10			25 35	10 75	174 65
Postage and traveling expenses . . . . .	15 00					15 00
Materials for work-shop . . . . .	189 05	115 70	13 50	6 00	23 57	515 21
Tuning and repairing musical instruments . . . . .	16 28				48 34	267 15
Water rent . . . . .	19 02	16 44	20 00		4 50	33 90
Insurance . . . . .			15 95	15 70	15 44	154 03
				313 50		313 50
Total . . . . .	\$3,006 33	\$1,584 96	\$1,760 07	\$1,469 18	\$1,865 90	\$22,911 17

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	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.
Pay-Roll { Salaries . . . . .	\$103 50	\$103 50	\$101 00	\$141 00	\$103 50	\$103 50	\$101 00
Wages . . . . .							
Dry goods and clothing . . . . .	10 50		10 55			113 55	
Groceries . . . . .	41 89	74 44	107 21	65 70	49 53	16 45	84 52
Breadstuffs . . . . .							
Meats, towels, fish and game . . . . .	45 36	44 89	43 61	43 12	40 88	43 76	43 12
Fruits, vegetables, milk and ice . . . . .	12 40	15 45	21 70	12 40	15 05	12 40	13 70
Spirituous liquors . . . . .	5 00						
Drugs, medicines and professional services . . . . .			84 00				
Confectioneries . . . . .			1 92				
Fuel and lights . . . . .							
Amusements . . . . .							
Buildings and repairs . . . . .	150 23	49 65	40 30	70 86	16 36		
Household and kitchen furniture . . . . .			12 00				
Laundry . . . . .							5 00
Vehicles, tools and implements for the farm and garden . . . . .							
Expenses on live stock . . . . .							
Labor not included in pay-roll . . . . .	36 00						
Books and Stationery . . . . .							
Products of the farm and garden . . . . .							
Postage and traveling expenses . . . . .							
Materials for workshop . . . . .							
Tuning and repairing musical instruments . . . . .							
Water rent . . . . .			41 85				
Insurance . . . . .							
Proportionate share of general expenses . . . . .							
Total . . . . .	\$404 88	\$287 93	\$464 14	\$333 08	\$225 32	\$289 66	\$247 34

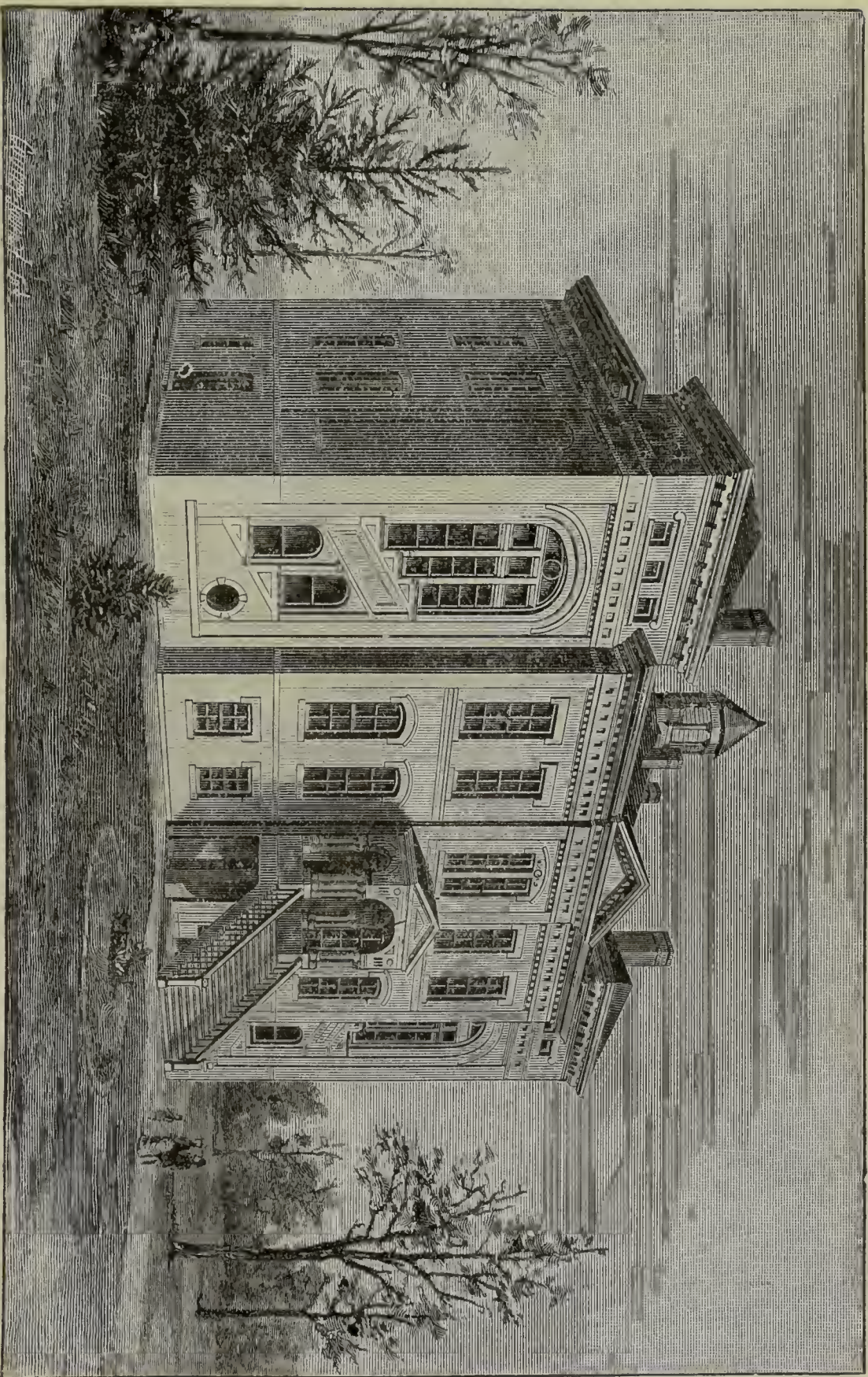


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Expenditures for the Year Ending October 31, 1892—Continued.

	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.
Pay-Roll { Salaries . . . . .	\$101 00	\$91 59	\$99 00	\$103 00	\$110 00	\$1,261 50
Wages . . . . .						
Dry goods and clothing . . . . .	10 05					144 65
Groceries . . . . .	56 65	18 70	7 45	19 05	44 19	585 78
Breadstuffs . . . . .						
Meats, fowls, fish and game . . . . .	48 32	22 44	15 64	15 20	23 28	429 62
Fruits, vegetables, milk and ice . . . . .	15 55	10 00	6 90	9 20	13 10	157 85
Spirituous liquors . . . . .						5 00
Drugs, medicines and professional services . . . . .		9 00				93 00
Confectioneries . . . . .			6 00			7 92
Fuel and lights . . . . .	229 42					229 42
Amusements . . . . .						
Buildings and repairs . . . . .			4 00		7 43	338 83
Household and kitchen furniture . . . . .					12 05	24 05
Laundry . . . . .						5 00
Vehicles, tools and implements for the farm and garden . . . . .	5 00					5 00
Expenses on live stock . . . . .						
Labor not included in pay-roll . . . . .						36 00
Books and stationery . . . . .						
Product of the farm and garden . . . . .						
Postage and traveling expenses . . . . .						
Materials for work-shop . . . . .	45 50					45 50
Tuning and repairing musical instruments . . . . .						
Water rent . . . . .		41 85				83 70
Insurance . . . . .		30 00				30 00
Proportionate share of general expenses . . . . .					1,200 00	1,200 00
Total . . . . .	\$511 49	\$223 49	\$138 99	\$146 45	\$1,410 05	\$4,682 82





COLORED DEPARTMENT.







